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Amendment to the claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

1-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method of filling solid pharmaceutical product packaging comprising the steps of:

providing a product package template having a plurality of cavities arranged in an array having rows and columns;

providing a product package having a plurality of cavities, wherein said cavities of said product package are capable of alignment with said cavities of said product package template;

automatically selectively dispensing one or more solid pharmaceutical products from a plurality of different drug sources into a common funnel;

automatically effecting relative motion in at least two directions of motion between the common funnel and said plurality of product package template cavities to selectively locate the common funnel over individual ones of the cavities in order to place one or more solid pharmaceutical products from the plurality of different drug sources into each of said plurality of template cavities, wherein the two directions of motion are generally perpendicular; ~~and~~

thereafter automatically aligning said cavities of said product package template with said cavities of said product package; and

transferring the solid pharmaceuticals located in the plurality of product package

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template cavities into corresponding cavities of said product package.

8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising a step of, during said step of selectively dispensing the solid pharmaceutical products, simultaneously sealing another pharmaceutical product package that has been previously filled with a variety of solid pharmaceuticals.

9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising a step of printed information on a pharmaceutical product package.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising a step of printed information on a pharmaceutical product package.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising a step of at least substantially simultaneously dispensing first and second pharmaceuticals from first and second canisters into a single template cavity.

12. (Previously presented). The method claim 8, further comprising a step of at least substantially simultaneously dispensing first and second pharmaceuticals from first and second canisters into a single template cavity.

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13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein a step of effecting relative motion comprises Melita product package template cavities beneath the funnel such that the desired template cavities ~~[[is]]~~ are placed beneath the funnel.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of filling solid pharmaceutical product packaging comprising the steps of:

providing a product package having plurality of cavities arranged in an array having rows and columns;

automatically selectively dispensing one or more solid pharmaceutical products from a plurality of different drug sources into a common funnel; and

automatically effecting relative motion in at least two directions between said common funnel and said product package to selectively locate the funnel at locations corresponding to individual ones of the cavities, wherein the two directions of motion are generally perpendicular in a common substantially horizontal plane beneath the funnel.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, further comprising a step of during said step of selectively dispensing the solid pharmaceutical products, simultaneously sealing another pharmaceutical product package that has been previously filled with a variety of solid pharmaceuticals.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, further comprising a step of printing

information on a pharmaceutical package.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of substantially simultaneously dispensing first and second pharmaceuticals from first and second canister into a single cavity.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of automatically effecting relative motion comprises moving the product package cavities beneath the funnel such that each of the desired cavities is placed beneath the funnel.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 7, further wherein the two directions of motion are in a common plane beneath the common funnel and the common funnel providing a single transmission path being incrementally moved so that it is selectively located at a location corresponding to each of the individual cavities of the template to thereby fill each of the template cavities in a two-dimensional array with one or more solid pharmaceutical products.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, further wherein the two directions of motion are in a common plane beneath the common funnel and the common funnel providing a single transmission path being incrementally moved so that it is selectively located at a location corresponding to each of the individual cavities to thereby fill each of the cavities in a two-dimensional array with one or more solid pharmaceutical products.